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The Nomination of Jackson Made to Prevent a Worse One—Lincoln's Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The criticism upon the appointment, by President Harris, of Judge Jackson to succeed the late associate Justice Lamar on the supreme bench made by Mr. J. A. Clarkson and published this morning, was subject of considerable discussion among politicians today. The fact that Mr. Clarkson had requested Senator Culham to protest against the confirmation of Judge Jackson's nomination added interest to the affair.

Mr. Culham was seen this afternoon by a reporter and asked what action, if any, he had determined to take. He said that he had been so busy with other matters that he had been unable to consider the subject, and had not time to say as to his intentions with regard to the course of the nomination. He said that Mr. Clarkson's message to him, which he received yesterday, he considered to be personal in its nature and he did not expect to make public either it or its reply, which had not yet been sent.

It is not considered possible by many of the senators among the probabilities that Judge Jackson's nomination will be rejected, notwithstanding that there has been a considerable opposition to him among the democratic members of the body. They say Judge Jackson is not satisfactory to them as a party man and Senator Harris is quoted as having referred to him as no more of a democrat than "narrow on the other side of the chamber."

Defends the President.

One of the president's friends said this afternoon that Mr. Clarkson's statement that no other president had ever before appointed a member of the supreme bench from the ranks of another political party is not well founded in fact. He said that the president of the first republican president for his nomination of Judge Jackson. In 1861 President Lincoln nominated Stephen J. Field, a democrat, to a place on the bench, which Mr. Field still retains. He said that the president in making the nomination, was assured that the confirmation of a republican was extremely improbable, and that being the case he chose to promote a democrat who had demonstrated by his decisions upon the bench that he was a protectionist and a nationalist with a "big N." There had been, he said, more convictions for violence of the federal election laws in Judge Jackson's court than in any other court in the country. As a matter of politics, he continued, in the circumstances of the case Judge Jackson's appointment was a most excellent one. If he were not rejected by the senate Mr. Cleveland, of necessity almost, would be compelled to send in some one in the same vein, and the president would be likely to be possessed of the undesirable qualifications mentioned by Mr. Clarkson in his letter criticizing President Harrison's action.

HAS FUN IN STORE.

The Last Weeks of Congress to Be Very Lively.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Tomorrow will mark the beginning of the last four weeks of the Fifty-second congress, and the clash of interests demanding attention, which must inevitably arise from the announcements already made, promises an exceedingly lively legislative work. These subjects include such important measures as the bill for the repeal of the silver purchase law, for the establishment of a national quarantine, to prevent dealings in futures (the anti-option bill), and for the establishment of a general bankruptcy law.

A discussion, the end of which, before the session closes cannot be foreseen, unless by the presentation of an appropriation bill, is likely to be precipitated in the senate at the very beginning, if Mr. Hill carries out his intention of asking the senate to determine whether or not it will take up the bill to repeal the silver purchase law.

Mr. Hill has given notice that he will, at the same time, ask the senate to take up the quarantine bill. These motions will come up in the morning hour and of themselves would cause no debate, but if Mr. Hill's motion prevailed, then Mr. Teller's implied threat of taking out the session would begin to work.

Senator Culham will endeavor to have the bill for the amendment of the interstate commerce law disposed of this week, but will probably not antagonize Mr. Sherman's desire to get the Nicaragua canal bill out of the senate and over to the house. Probabilities favor the conclusion that legislation upon motions of general public moment, accomplished by the senate, will be almost entirely confined to such bills as the appropriations committee may call up.

The program of the house for the week is fairly well outlined except as respects the anti-option bill. Mr. Hatch, for reasons of his own, declines to say what move he intends to make with regard to it. Monday is reservation day, and the Republicans are looking forward to the day with anxiety.

There seems to be a disposition to instruct each member as it comes up, regardless of the feeling towards the measure itself, for fear that it should pass by a narrow margin.

Mr. Hatch has declined for recognition in order to call up the Padlock sure food bill, and the speaker will give him the opportunity desired. Besides the pure food bill, the measures which are most likely to be considered under

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Revenge Prompted Two Strikes to Commit Murder.

HE IS A "GOOD INDIAN" NOW.

There is No Uprising at the Pine Ridge Agency and No Troops Are Needed.

FLAME CITY, S. D., Feb. 5.—Late

information goes to show that the murders of Friday were the work of a band of Indian cattle thieves and not the outcome of any general ill-feeling or discontent among the redskins. Messages by telephone from Fort Meade state that the company of Indian scouts did not leave White River, and that no troops will be sent to the agency. Everything is quiet once more.

Charles Ford, a cowboy employed upon one of the White River cattle ranges, brought the news of the murder of Humphrey & singer beef camp to visit his friends, who were in charge of the cattle. He found them murdered and terribly mutilated. Ford was unharmed and did not dare to remain in the vicinity, but at once mounted and rode to Buffalo Gap.

The murdered men were well known in the region. They were Ed Calkins, foreman of the Humphrey camp; Royce Cook and two men named Hamaway and Bennett. It was supposed the Indians killed Calkins and his associates in revenge for their reporting to Agent Brown the theft of a steer from their herd early in the week.

Reverend Joe Bush and his men found the four Indians, who had killed the cowboys on White river, in the vicinity of the beef camp, and as they would not surrender, made them all "good Indians." Their names were White-flower, Two-Strikes and two of his sons.

VERY RAPID PROMOTION.

Valor of the Indians Who Pursued Two-Strikes Is Recognized.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The following telegram was exchanged between the acting commissioner of Indian affairs and Agent Brown of Pine Ridge today, growing out of the murder of four cowboys by Indians belonging to Two-Strikes' band:

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Feb. 5.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington: Please telegraph approval of the appointment of First Sergeant Joe Bush as second lieutenant; John Sitting Bear as first sergeant, and Private Running Hawk and Two-Lance to be sergeants for bravery and gallant conduct, also increase of police force to eight in emergency. I command all other violators of law and regulations. Keep the office fully posted as to the trouble.

"BELL, Acting Commissioner."

AT THE FLOOD'S MERCY.

Queensland Towns Inundated and the Inhabitants Seek Safety in Trees.

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 5.—Incessant rain for several days has caused floods throughout Queensland. Part of this city is under water. People are deserting the low lying districts as many houses are submerged to the second floor and the water is still rising. The towns of Bundaberg, Ipswich and Bundamba are threatened with total demolition. The inhabitants have deserted the houses and those who have fled to the higher land have taken refuge in trees or on the tops of the highest buildings. A large loss of human life is reported, but nothing definite can be ascertained as to the total number. A mine near Bundamba was flooded and seven miners were drowned. In Ipswich many houses have collapsed. Hundreds are homeless, without shelter and without food. The loss of property is enormous. Cattle have been drowned by the thousands.

NO CRIMINALITY FOR EMMA.

A Colorado Mad West Men's Clothes When She Knew.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 5.—Miss Emma Wood, claiming to be the daughter of a wealthy Colorado ranchman, was arrested here last night. She came here Thursday evening in company with one Frank Fanning and wore men's garments. They declared that they had been married by a clergyman in Denver, and had eloped from home because of the opposition of the paternal Wood to the match. Their conduct excited suspicion, and were locked up in the police station last night and today when released by the police judge with some good advice. They took it and the first train for Denver.

WOULD LINGER THE AGENT.

A Mob of Negroes Capture a Depot in Texas.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—The Pecanue Houston special says: "A United States deputy marshal tonight received a telegram from Stafford Point, in Fort Bend county, asking for assistance and stating that the Southern Pacific depot was in the hands of a mob of negroes which was going to lynch the agent. The Southern Pacific officials wired the passenger train that on arrival at Richmond the engine should be cut loose and placed at the disposal of the posse of officers to protect the depot."

RAID-DEPOSED FARE.

How Stambon's Record was "Fixed" at the Stockton Track.

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DISSOLUTION UNEXPECTED

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Whitney, wife of the secretary of the navy, died at her home, No. 3 West Fifty-seventh street, at 3 o'clock this morning of heart disease. Only Mr. Whitney and the nurses who attended her during her illness were present at the deathbed, and the coming unexpectedly. Dr. J. Wood McLane, who with Dr. Charles McBurney have been attending Mrs. Whitney, left her at 11:30 o'clock last night. Dr. McBurney having left several hours earlier. When Dr. McLane departed it was expected that at that hour it was expected that Mrs. Whitney's illness would not take a serious turn before morning. Mr. Whitney sat up until 2 o'clock, at which hour he retired to bed and the house was darkened.

A few minutes before 3 o'clock one of the nurses hastily summoned him and he hurried to Mrs. Whitney's room, reaching there just in time to see her expire. So unexpectedly did death come that there was not even time to summon her father, brother and sister, who were in the city. Having been called there from Mrs. Whitney's condition first appeared serious. They were at her bedside a few minutes after her death.

The death of Mrs. Whitney awakened widespread sympathy throughout the country, and all day telegrams and messages of condolence were received by the family. Although these messages of condolence were kept strictly private, it is said that friends of the family that among the first telegrams to arrive were those from President-elect and Mrs. Cleveland.

FOOLED WITH A PAST.

A. H. VILLI, N. C., Feb. 5.—Floyd W. Smith, clerk at the battery park hotel, accidentally shot and killed himself at midnight while playing with a pistol. He was 12 years old. His remains will be taken to Charleston for burial.

SHOULD ANNEX HAWAII.

Minister Stevens Points Out the Advantages of the Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The members of the Hawaiian annexation commission spent a quiet Sunday, passing most of the time in their rooms at their hotels. Mr. Carter, who was a resident of Washington for some time while his father was Hawaiian minister to this country, found time to renew some of his acquaintances of that period; but the other gentlemen saw no one except several callers at the hotel.

Among the visitors during the day were Commander Goodrich of the United States navy and J. B. Montgomery of Portland. On the latter whom expressed to the commissioners his belief that the entire Pacific coast was united in favor of the annexation of the islands to the United States.

The commissioners do not expect to have any statement to make to the public regarding their errand until after the completion of their conference with Secretary Foster. They will be busily engaged during the intervals of these meetings with the secretary in the preparation of the arguments that they intend to advance in support of their application for the annexation of the islands by the United States. It is not probable that the conference between the secretary and the commissioners will be anything more than formal until after the arrival of the next steamer from Hawaii, which is due at San Francisco on February 8, containing further advice as to the state of affairs upon the islands.

The state department expects to receive by that steamer full reports from Minister Stevens of the state of affairs in connection with the revolution and of what has occurred since. The commissioners also look for additional instructions from the provisional government regarding their admission to this country. On these conditions the Hawaiian revolution has received it is said that the commissioners will not be presented to President Harrison.

Speaking of the probable course of events on the islands, Commissioner Carter says this afternoon that the provisional government would not undertake any legislative action, pending the negotiations with the United States, upon the subject of annexation, except that the advisory council, which stands in the stead of a legislative body, would repeal the lottery bill, which the recent legislature passed the day before it was prorogated by the lately deposed queen.

As long ago as last November Minister Stevens wrote a letter setting forth the advantages of Hawaiian islands to the United States, and the advantages of their acquisition to this country, in which he said:

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